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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "Look up a healthcare provider license" in the "How Do I?" section of the Department of Health website (doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Chelan County

In June 2012 the Veterinary Board of Governors granted the credential of veterinarian **Bryce Willard Davisson** (VT60037356). Davisson must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

In July 2012 the Secretary of Health charged physician **Amy E. Hutton** (MD00041306) with unprofessional conduct. Hutton allegedly engaged in an inappropriate relationship with a patient.

Clark County

In July 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the credential of certified nursing assistant **April Dawn Mesick** (NC60288375). Mesick must comply with terms and conditions set against her credential.

Jefferson County

In July 2012 the Dental Hygienist Program charged **Lynn Allison Clendenen** (DH00002021) with unprofessional conduct. Clendenen allegedly provided dental hygiene services to patients

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without a dentist's supervision and provided a department investigator with misleading supervision documents.

King County

In July 2012 the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Program granted the credential of emergency medical technician **Nicholas Benjamin Augustavo** (ES60273601) and placed it on probation for two years. Augustavo was convicted of two counts of fourth-degree assault. Augustavo must comply with terms and conditions set against his credential.

In July 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program released registered nursing assistant **Kaleb W. Asefa** (NA00201377) from terms and conditions set against his credential.

In July 2012 the Physical Therapy Board charged physical therapist **Steven Dennis Lee** (PT00006110) with unprofessional conduct. Lee allegedly diverted Vicodin and Oxycontin from patients on more than one occasion.

In July 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Marie G. Johnson** (NA00168789) with unprofessional conduct. Johnson was convicted of second-degree identity theft in 2011, and second and third-degree theft in 2011.

In July 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the credential of certified nursing assistant **Saradia Lehtinen** (NC60188538) and placed it on probation until December 2013. Lehtinen was convicted of second-degree attempted theft in 2010. Lehtinen must comply with terms and conditions set against her credential.

In July 2012 the Health Care Assistant Program granted the credential of **Nika Marie Onka** (HC60286935) and placed it on probation for three years. Onka must comply with terms and conditions set against her credential.

In July 2012 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Noreen T. Piano** (RN00111291) with unprofessional conduct. Piano allegedly diverted drugs while working at a healthcare facility.

In July 2012 the Nursing Assistant and Surgical Technologist Programs charged registered nursing assistant and surgical technologist **Angela Maria Singleton** (NA60155771, ST60142076) with unprofessional conduct. Singleton allegedly took multiple blank prescription forms without permission and used them for controlled substance prescriptions for herself, filling them at a pharmacy on several occasions.

Kitsap County

In July 2012 the Dental Commission charged dentist **Seok W. Nichols** (DE00010224) with unprofessional conduct. Nichols provided substandard care to two patients.

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Lewis County

In July 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the credentials of registered and certified nursing assistant **Jeremy James Veigel** (NA60256354, NC60266659) and placed them on probation for one year. Veigel was convicted of second-degree theft in 2007. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his credentials.

Mason County

In July 2012 the Massage Program amended the statement of charges against **Mark Satterlund** (MA00010520). Satterlund was convicted of two counts of first-degree child molestation, one count of third-degree child molestation, five counts of fourth-degree assault, and one count of communicating with a minor for immoral purposes in 2012.

Pierce County

In July 2012 the Chiropractic Commission released chiropractor **Steve C. Baek** (CH00034360) from terms and conditions set against his credential.

In July 2012 the Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery Board charged osteopathic physician and surgeon **Scott L. Havsy** (OP00000878) with unprofessional conduct. Havsy allegedly includes advertising medical marijuana on a website promoting his services.

In July 2012 the Pharmacy Board charged pharmacy technician **Kori A. Tainter** (VA00045453) with unprofessional conduct. Tainter allegedly failed to comply with a previous order.

Spokane County

In July 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program ended the probation order against registered nursing assistant **Kaila Marie Bonin** (NA60191340).

In July 2012 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program ended the probation order against chemical dependency professional trainee **Deborah Christine Olin** (CO60153910).

In July 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program ended the probation order against registered nursing assistant **William T. Penick** (NA60050941).

Whatcom County

In July 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Angela P. Winther** (NC10073267) with unprofessional conduct. In 2012, Winther was charged with possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver — methamphetamine, and possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver — marijuana. She also allegedly tested positive for methamphetamine and marijuana during a workplace drug test.

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Yakima County

In July 2012 the Medical Commission charged physician **James H. Mafera** (MD00048625) with unprofessional conduct. Mafera allegedly wrote escalating amounts of narcotic prescriptions with early refills for a patient, with whom he was having a personal relationship. Mafera also allegedly prescribed medication without a proper examination, lab work, studies, treatment planning, and/or consultation with the patient's other care providers.

In July 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program ended the probation order against registered nursing assistant **Teresa Solis** (NA10029037).

Out of state

Maryland: In June 2012 the Medical Commission charged physician **Mark R. Geier** (MD60041602) with unprofessional conduct. Geier's license to practice medicine in Maryland is suspended, and Geier allegedly failed to provide a list of patients he has treated in Washington at the request of the commission.

Maryland: In June 2012 the Medical Commission charged physician **John L. Young** (MD60187941) with unprofessional conduct. Young allegedly failed to respond to a request from the commission for patient records.

Oregon: In July 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the credential of certified nursing assistant **David Paul Brimer** (NC60266328). Brimer was convicted of second-degree burglary. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his credential.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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